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**DATE of CRIME:** 4-23-2011  
**UPDATE:** 5-5-11

**WPD CASE:** 11-03516

**for Immediate Release**

***\*UPDATE\****

## *Woman Stabbed at Apartment Complex*

**Suspect:** Pedro Tevillo, 47 years old, resident of Westminster. He is described as being 5-11 to 6-0' tall, 165 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, dark skin, and a thin mustache.

**Victim:** Adult female. Name withheld pursuant to CPC 293.

**Charges:** CPC 273.5-Domestic Violence-Corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant  
CPC 664-187-Attempted Murder

**Location:** 8400 Westminster Blvd. , Westminster CA

**Westminster, CA:**

**Westminster Police Officers responded to a 911 call of a woman that had been stabbed multiple times.**

On 4-22-11, at 9:27 PM, WPD received a 911 call from a witness reporting that a woman had been stabbed. Upon arrival, officers located a woman with multiple stab wounds to her face, chest, and arms. Orange County Fire Authority responded and the victim was transported to UCI Hospital for treatment.

WPD Officers did an extensive area search for the suspect and as of today (4-23-11) no suspect has been located. Detectives were called out to the scene and they are actively pursuing leads in this case. Further investigation revealed the woman's attacker may be her boyfriend who was seen fleeing from the scene. The identity of the suspect is still being confirmed. Detectives hope to gather more information from the victim when she is able to speak. According to UCI staff, the victim is in critical but stable condition.

Orange County Social Services responded to the scene and the woman's three children were taken into protective custody. The children were not injured and it is unclear if they witnessed the attack. "At this point in the investigation, we know the woman's attacker was alone and she was the target," said Corporal Cameron Knauerhaze. The motive in the attack appears to be domestic violence. No other citizens in the apartment complex were injured.

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## **UPDATED INFORMATION:**

As of 5-5-11, the suspect in this case has been identified as 47 year old Pedro Tevillo of Westminster. He is described as being 5-11 to 6-0' tall, 165 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, dark skin, and a thin mustache. He has not been located and there is a \$150,000.00 warrant for his arrest (CPC 664-187: Attempt Murder). Tevillo's whereabouts are unknown. He is believed to be somewhere in the Southern California area with the possibility that he may have fled to Mexico.

Tevillo and the victim had recently ended a 9-year relationship and they have two young children together. The children did not witness this brutal attack.

## **UPDATED DETAILS ON THE ATTACK:**

The attack took place at the parking lot of the apartment complex. Tevillo confronted the victim and stabbed her multiple times in the face, chest, and arms with a kitchen type steak knife (recovered at the scene). The suspect stabbed the victim with so much force that knife was found broken into pieces. As the victim ran for her life, the suspect gave chase and tackled her. The suspect then climbed on to the victim and began to strangle her. Nearby residents intervened and pulled the suspect off the victim. The suspect then fled on foot toward Newland St.

Tevillo does not have a vehicle. He has not reported to work since the date of the crime. Tevillo should be considered dangerous and anyone with information on his whereabouts is urged to call Detective Alan Aoki at the Westminster Police Department Detective Bureau 714-548-3733. Attached are some recent photos of Pedro Tevillo.

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